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SUBJ: CORRESPONDENT TRAVEL

REF: NAIROBI 15212 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY SURPRISED TO LEARN OF ARRIVAL FROM YAOUNDE TODAY OF FREE LANCE AMERICAN JOURNALIST JEFF HARMON, WHO IS WORKING FOR HARPERS. ALSO, REFTEL ADVISES OF PLANNED VISITS BY TIME CORRESPONDENT DAVID WOOD (US CITIZEN) AND NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT JAMES PRINGLE (UK CITIZEN). ALL HAVE COME OR ARE COMING ON TOURIST VISAS.

2. DEPARTMENT TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR JOURNALISTS, AS AMENDED, ADVISES THAT AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING CAE AND THAT EXCEPTIONS CAN ONLY BE GRANTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OR THE IMPERIAL COURT. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT ACTION ADDRESSEES HAD COPIES OF THIS TRAVEL ADVISORY. HARMON, AT LEAST, ON CONTACTING AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE WAS APPARENTLY NOT TOLD OF PROHIBITION. IN CASE ADDRESSEES DO NOT HAVE ADVISORY WE ARE REPEATING IT BY SEPTEL.

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3. WE HAVE ADVISED HARMON TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO WORK AS A JOURNALIST AND TO DO NOTHING WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS WORKING UNTIL THAT PERMISSION IS OBTAINED. WE WILL ADVISE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. IN VIEW OF PROHIBITION ON VISITS BY AMERICAN JOURNALISTS AND CENTRAL AFRICAN MISINTERPRETATION

OF OUR ASSISTANCE TO RANDAL AND GOLDSMITH LAST SUMMER, WE
ARE DOING NOTHING TO HELP JOURNALISTS OBTAIN SUCH PERMISSION.

4. ALL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE UNDER CONTROL OF CAE GOVERNMENT
DURING CORONATION PERIOD. ONCE THEY ARE ACCREDITED, JOURNALISTS
SHOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ACCOMMODATION. WE ARE UNABLE TO HELP
WITH ACCOMMODATIONS.

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